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HONGKONG, MARCH 4TH, 1912.

WHILE, of course, none of the nations has officially taken exception to the establishment of a republic in China, there have not been wanting expressions of private opinion as to the difficulties lying in the way of administering a republic. Among the objections raised to the republican form of polity, there occurs the old one of expense, it being claimed that a republic is more expensive than a monarchy. The chief example on which this dictum is based is the United States, but, putting aside for the moment other questions, it is too often forgotten that the United States is not one country but a group of countries covering half a continent. To compare the expenditure required to administer such a group of countries with the expenditure required to administer a group of islands like the United Kingdom is obviously unfair. There is also the great difficulty of deciding what is and what is not expenditure for the administration of the State. Thus the expenditure on State enterprises, such as posts and telegraphs, railways, and State monopolies, cannot be included in administrative expenditure, because these stand on the footing of self-supporting enterprises. Excess of revenue obtained from them or any deficit incurred by the State in their working alone can be properly included under administrative expenditure. However, considering the question from the point

of view of total expenditures, the superiority of the monarchical polity from the point of view of cheapness does not seem very clear. Thus, while Great Britain with a population of some forty-two millions has an annual expenditure in the neighbourhood of £152,000,000, the United States Republic, with a population nearly twice as large, only expends \$159,000,000. Considering the large area over which the seventy odd millions of population is scattered, it must be agreed that the administration of the United States is not expensive. Turning to the Republic of France, we find that with a population of 40 millions the expenditure is about ten millions more than Great Britain, but the many State enterprises and monopolies in France serve to greatly swell the total expenditure. Switzerland is the cheapest of the Republics, the total expenditure being £1 14s. per head, against over £3 per head in Great Britain, £2 odd in the United States, £4 odd in France, £2 odd in Germany, and £2 10s. in Italy. Japan, which spends about £1 per head of population, is the cheapest monarchy. Throwing out the items which do not come under the head of administrative expenditure, the position of the republics is improved. The United States then spends £1 14s. per head, and France £2 10s. against £2 16s. spent by Britain, £1 12s. by Germany, and £1 14s. by Italy, the expenditure of France, it must be admitted, is heavy, but we do not have to look far to find other reasons for this. The severest test that can be applied, however, is in regard to taxation, for it may be safely said that the expenditure of an administration bears a proportion to its taxation. British taxes amount to some £125,000,000, which gives a proportion of £3 per head. In the United States they amount, including, of course, the high Customs tariff, to £110,000,000, which makes £1 12s. per head. Switzerland shows a total taxation of £112,000,000, amounting to £2 16s. per head. Germany shows a total taxation of £112,000,000, or, say, a total of £1 a head. Germany again shows a remarkable economy, the total taxation being only £80,000,000, or a proportion of £1 6s. a head. But even after we have extracted these figures we do not get at the bottom of the question. There is something else lying behind the fact that administration in the United States and Germany—a republic and a monarchy—is very cheap, and administration in Great Britain and France—a monarchy and a republic—is comparatively dear. In the case of Great Britain and France it will be observed that we are dealing with countries which are homogeneous wholes as far as public expenditure is concerned. The United States and Germany, on the other hand, are Unions of States, where only part of the expense of administration is defrayed by the federal governments, the different States themselves levying taxes. Thus the reason for the extraordinary cheapness of German federal administration is made clear when we find that in a State like Prussia the total expenditure is £5 2s. 7d. per head of population and the direct taxes 9s. 8d. per head. Thus the administrative expenditure of Germany and the United States must be considerably raised from the figures given above to enable a correct estimate to be made, although it is certain that the actual total would still remain below that of Great Britain. The fairest comparison that can be made is that between Great Britain and France, and it will be seen that, tried by all tests, the idea that a republican government is dearer than a monarchy will not bear examination. Of course, a republic is as much open to corruption as a monarchy, and any kind of government can be made as dear as public opinion will allow. But this is quite a different thing from intrinsic dearthness. Theoretically a republic should prove the cheaper of the two, since the simpler ceremonies of a republic and the absence of any hereditary princes to draw upon State funds make for economy. So persistent is the idea, however, that republics are more expensive than monarchies that it is hardly likely to be dissipated by the examination of the figures, more especially as the figures hardly reveal the whole truth. Cheapness by itself is hardly a virtue, however. A nation paying heavy taxes and having a good administration may be more prosperous than one with small taxes and poor administration.

The English Mail of the 3rd February was delivered in London on the March 1st. Amendments of the regulations governing the Hongkong Tramway Company's system are published in the Gazette.

A regulation made by the Governor-in-Council provides that the licence fee for the public performance of stage plays in the Seamen's Institute shall be \$1 per annum, and not \$120, as provided by the table of fees formerly published.

An order made by the Governor-in-Council provides for the narrowing of Staunton Street by the erection of a lean-to shed to be used as a vegetable and fruit market.

Invitations are being issued by the Chancellor and Court of the University of Hongkong for the opening ceremony which takes place at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next.

Sealed tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon on Monday, March 11th, for the improvement of roads near the junction of Bonham and Pokfulam Roads.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr. C. G. Alabaster has been duly elected to act as a member of the Licensing Board during the absence on leave of Mr. Shelton Hooper.

THE FAREWELL ADDRESS TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Sheets are lying in the principal Clubs and in Kelly & Walsh's and Lane, Crawford & Co.'s stores for signature in connection with the Address which will be presented to H.E. the Governor on the day of his departure from the Colony.

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Mr. Fritz Eberius, of the firm of Heuser, Eberius & Co., export and import and commission agents, was found dead in a lavatory at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday morning. He had a bullet wound in his head, while beside him was a revolver, one chamber of which had been discharged. It appears that the deceased, who was not a resident of the hotel, entered the premises shortly before noon, and visited one of the lavatories on the ground floor, the door of which he locked. The first intimation that anything was wrong came from one of the hotel coolies, whose suspicions were aroused by the fact that the door of the lavatory was shut for such a long period. He secured a ladder, and looking over the wall saw the body of the deceased lying on the floor. He at once informed Mr. Taggart, the manager of the hotel, who obtained the services of the hotel engineer to break in the door.

The police, who were at once summoned, identified the body as that of Mr. Eberius, and conveyed it to the public mortuary.

The deceased was a married man, and resided in Macdonnell Road. He leaves a widow and one child to mourn his loss.

It is stated that financial worry was responsible for his tragic act. In consequence of the tragic affair, the ball masque which was to have been held in the German Club on Saturday night was postponed. The flag at the German Club was half-masted on Saturday and Sunday.

The funeral will pass the Monument this morning at 9 o'clock.

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TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE MUTINY AT PEKING.

TERRIBLE LOOTING SCENES. FOREIGNERS TAKING REFUGE IN LEGATIONS.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking explains that dissatisfaction created by the failure to pay Yuan Shih Kai's troops was the cause of the mutiny at Peking.

Two thousand troops started looting on Thursday. Hordes of coolies and loafers swelled the ranks to 5,000, and an orgy of destruction followed, only ceasing with the exhaustion of the looters in the early hours of the following morning, when seven incendiary fires, some of very large area, were burning in various quarters.

A grim spectacle was provided by the gangs of mutineers, thrown into prominence by the glare of the flames, battering in shops, shooting and bayonetting shopkeepers who would not promptly hand over their valuables, and staggering off laden with loot.

In strong contrast were the detachments of foreign troops marching unmolested among the crowds and bringing in foreigners to the Legations.

A number of foreigners were fired at, but were unhurt.

There was further looting and skirmishing throughout the following day. Numbers of the looters have been executed.

So far the losses sustained by the uprising are estimated at \$3,000,000.

Loyalists are patrolling the streets, and fresh trouble is feared.

On Saturday a detachment of artillery marched to Duke Kuei's palace, shelled the gate, looted extensively and burned a portion of the palace.

Prisoners are being summarily decapitated on the outskirts of the city and many headless bodies are lying in the streets.

Civilians are arming themselves, barricading their premises, and erecting gates across the streets.

The British railway guards are protecting women and children.

The mutineers looted and burned the railway station, and robbed the passengers.

It appears that the Northern Chinese Army combined in the pillaging, believing that the arrival of the Delegates from Shanghai and Nanking meant the dismissal of the Northern troops.

It is now ascertained that the mutineers on Thursday looted the Foreign Office itself.

The populace was notified on Saturday that persons in the streets after eight o'clock at night would be shot.

Yuan Shih Kai has sent a communiqué to the foreign residents regretting the disturbances, which, he said, were unexpected, and added that every precaution would be taken to prevent their recurrence.

There was a serious recrudescence of the disturbance on Saturday morning, particularly in the western part of the City. Whole streets were looted and there were many fires.

Mutineers from Peking, reinforced by soldiers, looted Peking-Fu and burned large areas. Other bodies looted Fengtai and Yangpingfu.

The delegates from Nanking have telegraphed to General Li Yuan-hong

to take the Republican Army to Peking to restore order.

A train-load of Peking-Fu mutineers started for Peking on Saturday. The railway authorities blew up a bridge, and the loyal troops killed many fleeing innocents in mistake for looters.

FOREIGN GARRISONS TO BE REINFORCED.

At a meeting of the Foreign Ministers, partly as a result of a request by Tang Shao-Yi to prevent further bloodshed and damage to property, the Ministers decided to bring in all available troops from adjacent ports.

About one thousand troops of various nationalities were expected to reach Peking yesterday.

A Japanese battleship has been ordered to Taku to establish wireless communication with the Italian station at Peking.

LEGATIONS PREPARING FOR A SIEGE.

Martial law is in operation. All is quiet in the vicinity of the Legations, but cannonading continues in the direction of Fengtai, with which city communication is cut off.

The Legations are preparing for a siege.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

JAPANESE LOSSES.

TOKYO, March 3rd.

The Japanese are stated to be the heaviest losers among foreigners from the looting at Peking.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Feb. 29th.

An assault-at-arms was given in the Club Theatre by the Garrison, consisting of boxing and bayonet fighting, with the addition of some Japanese wrestling and bayonet fighting. This is the first exhibition of the kind which has ever been given in Shamen and it provoked a great deal of enthusiasm. A raised ring was made in the centre of the floor and the seats tiered round about with a large number of people seated on the stage. Prompt at the opening hour the house was full, and the first item, a round contest between two light-weights, Seaman Vines and Private Ward, was commenced. This fight lasted only a minute, but it was a punishing minute for Ward, who was a rather easily knocked out. Then followed Sapper real good fight of 3-rounds between Cleve and Private Scrimshaw. Cleve had the better of the first round and his opponent was pretty well done up at the end of the second round. In the second round Scrimshaw was more to the fore, though Cleve got some serviceable body punches in just at the close. The third round was a real fight to a finish, both men going for all they were worth, but Sapper Cleve got the verdict. Then followed some Japanese wrestling which was much appreciated and heartily applauded by the audience.

An eight-round contest between Stoker Mills, at one time lightweight champion of the Mediterranean Fleet, and Corporal Cove was the next item. Cove began very well and had easily the best of the round. The pace was too hot to last and when Cove got his man down twice at the end it looked like his fight. So it proved, for though Mills put up a good show in the second round, at the end of the third round by some fine body punches Cove knocked his man down and he was counted out.

Another fight between Seaman Hathaway and Private Armes was a trifle slow and the latter got the verdict; while in the next fight Seaman Bennison and Private Frost we had the best show of the night. Frost had a longer reach than his opponent, and he got in with some good left-hand punches, but the Seaman was too fast on his feet for him and tired him considerably. It was nobody's fight till the last round, when Bennison's superior physique told and he got his man down twice and secured the verdict.

The last fight between Seaman Gisy and Private Morris was also very good. The men were well matched. Morris had a longer reach, but Gisy could take any amount of punishment. Morris got the verdict on account of his fine show in the second round, where he all but knocked his man out. There was also some bayonet fighting by the Japanese and the Baluchistan troops which was very much appreciated.

On Tuesday afternoon and night there was continued fighting in the vicinity of Ko Tong, a few miles up the railway from Wong Sha. Fighting was occasioned firstly by the attempt to disarm the band and some of the troops. The friends of the villages objected to this and the result was a quarrel ending in a fight between three large villages.

Yesterday a thousand troops were despatched from Canton to the district to put down the trouble and have been successful. Altogether to date about 2,000 men of the newly recruited army have been disbanded and tomorrow the rest of March will see another 2,000 disbanded according to latest reports. To-day the city is remarkably quiet, but whether there will be trouble tomorrow or not is another matter upon which one can hardly venture an opinion. That the disbanded pirates will simply return to their old haunts goes without saying, but it is very likely that some of them may band together in or around the city and suburbs, and this is a grave danger to which the Government is quite alive and against which they are taking precautions.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COAL STRIKE.

NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED.

LONDON, March 2nd.

All negotiations in the coal dispute were suspended yesterday afternoon till next week.

The miners affirm that the strike cannot be arrested within a fortnight.

Strikers to the number of 1,065,000 are enjoying holiday sports and entertainments.

COAL-OWNERS DIVIDED.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that the coal-owners of practically the whole of England and North Wales have accepted the Government's proposals, but the South Wales and Scottish owners have declined them on the ground that they are bound by existing agreements.

MINERS OBSTINATE. The representatives of the miners have rejected the Government's proposals, being unwilling to submit the Federations' rates of minimum wages to any form of revision.

Mr. Asquith has consequently felt that no useful purpose can be served for the present by continuing the conferences. He hopes to make a further statement on Monday.

THE GOVERNMENT VIEW.

Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons on Friday said the Government had considered the question without class or party bias, and did not intend that what they believed to be a dwindling minority of employers should unduly delay the attainment of the object which he believed the miners properly submitted to them.

[This message was delayed in transmission.]

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

LONDON, March 3rd.

The effect of the strike is daily widening. Tens of thousands are being thrown idle, the industries at the docks and the steam trawlers being especially affected. Food prices are rising.

LAW-ABIDING STRIKERS.

The strikers are showing an excellent spirit of law-abiding, and in some districts they have passed resolutions thanking the authorities for not sending extra police and assuring them of their desire to keep the peace.

RECOGNISING THEIR MISTAKE.

The speeches and interviews of a number of the Englishmen's leaders indicate the feeling of the men that it was a mistake to reject the Government proposals.

OPTIMISM AGAIN.

It is stated at Cardiff that the reason for the suspension of the negotiations is to enable the men's delegates to obtain the views of the districts on the subject of the guarantees for a fair day's work. Mr. Asquith insists that this difficulty will be met in a satisfactory manner before proceeding with the Bill.

Telegrams from the coalfields show that the strikers are most orderly, and the belief is prevalent that the strike will not be prolonged, though the coal-owners are not so optimistic.

TRADE PARALYSED.

As an instance of the paralysis already affecting trade, it may be mentioned that 20,000 workers were thrown idle at Glasgow yesterday and 100,000 shipbuilders on the Clyde will be rendered idle in a week's time.

Mr. W. E. Harvey, Labour M.P. for N.E. Derbyshire, in an interview declared: "We will not hurry like the railwaymen. The strike will continue for a considerable time."

RAILWAY COMPANY SEIZES COAL.

The Great Central Railway has refused to give up coal in transit at Sheffield, declaring that it has statutory powers to seize it for its own purposes.

A CHANGE OF OPINION.

The Radical papers which yesterday were acclaiming the victory of the men, to-day condemn "their great mistake" in not accepting the compromise whereby they were the gainers, and declare that they are acting with a disregard to the national interests.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

Mr. John Williams, M.P., in the course of a speech in West Wales, said he expected a settlement of the strike on the 7th inst. on satisfactory lines.

EFFECT OF THE STRIKE IN NORWAY.

A wire from Sarpsborg, in Norway, states that two thousand men have received a fortnight's notice on account of the British Coal strike.

ENHANCED PRICES ON THE CONTINENT.

The strike is greatly affecting the prices of coal in France. The price of bunker coal has risen from 29 to 40 francs, and household coal is now 60 francs.

GERMAN SUPPORT FOR STRIKERS.

Reuter's correspondent at Bochum telegraphs that the German Miners' Federation has made an appeal to desist from overtime work while the coal strike is proceeding in England. Numerous meetings have been held in the Ruhr coalfield. Tomorrow the men will discuss the wage question and submit demands to the coal-owners, whose answer is required by the 5th instant.

The German newspapers Vorwaerts states that the Schichan miners at Elbing have by 3,000 to 600 decided upon a strike.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

LOAN NEGOTIATIONS BY CHINA.

TOKYO, March 3rd.
Commissioners of the Nanking Government are here in connection with a big loan to which Japanese capitalists are favourably disposed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOINT ACTION IN CHINA.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Reuter's Washington correspondent states that Great Britain, Germany, Russia and Japan have responded favourably to Mr. Secretary Knox's Note inviting joint action in China without seeking individual advantage.

Austria, France and Italy have not yet replied.

SILLY SUFFRAGETTES.

LONDON, March 2nd.
The Suffragettes to-day carried out another window-smashing campaign over a wire area extending from Oxford Street to the Strand, and also at the Government offices.

Many arrests have been made.

LATER.

The Suffragettes armed with hammers concurred in their reticulous simultaneous assaults on the windows in the leading streets in the West-end of London at the busiest time of the evening. The shopkeepers and police had no time to put up a defence, and damage amounting to £1,000 was done.

Mrs. Pankhurst motored to Mr. Asquith's residence and broke the windows with stones.

Arrests to the number of 115 were made.

LATER.

Mrs. Pankhurst and other suffragette leaders have been sentenced to imprisonment, mostly to two months. The police estimated the damage at over £5,000. The Public Prosecutor dwelt on the disgraceful scenes and emphasised the fact that the time had come to inflict the maximum imprisonment. He suggested that cases where the damage amounted to over £5 should be sent to a higher Court.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, Finance member of the Council of India, in presenting his Budget, referred to the opium question and paid a tribute to Sir John Jordan's skill in Peking in securing a settlement alike fair to India and China. He stated that The Hague Conference had enabled a Convention to be drafted, which he hoped the Powers would accept, preventing the consumption of morphine and cocaine. The evil already done by traffic in these drugs was great, and only the most drastic Government control would prevent the growth of a degrading vice.

THE FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI.

LONDON, March 2nd.
A message from Reuter's Rome correspondent states that official details of the fighting at Merghab on the 28th ult. show that 5,000 Turks and Arabs were engaged by the Italian forces, and it is estimated that 500 of the enemy were killed in the attempt to recapture the heights. The Italian losses were 14 killed and 100 wounded.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Reuter's correspondent at Casablanca reports that the French troops were heavily engaged with the rebellious tribesmen at Sukelarra. Many were left dead on the field. The French casualties were six killed and 30 wounded.

THE EX-SHAH.

LONDON, March 3rd.
A St. Petersburg telegram states that the ex-Shah is proceeding to Baku on a Russian ship.

The Persian Government has granted him a pension of £7,000 sterling.

ANOTHER BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, March 2nd.
Mr. J. S. Arkwright, Conservative M.P. for Hereford City since 1900, has resigned his seat on grounds of ill-health, and Mr. W. A. S. Hewins, the Secretary of the Tariff Commission, will contest the seat in the Conservative interest.

DEATH OF GEORGE GROSSMITH.

LONDON, March 2nd.
The death has occurred of Mr. George Grossmith, sen., the famous actor and entertainer.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PLURAL VOTING.

LONDON, March 2nd.
The Bill introduced by Mr. Harold Baker, Liberal M.P. for Acerrington, to provide for the abolition of plural voting has passed its second reading in the House of Commons by 223 votes to 142.

The Government declined to say at this stage whether they will adopt the Bill.

AERIAL FEATS.

LONDON, March 3rd.
Reuter's correspondent at St. Louis telegraphs that Captain Berry ascended as a passenger on a biplane to a height of 1,500 feet and jumped out with a parachute. He dropped about 300 feet before the parachute opened. Then he slowly descended to the earth, which he reached unharmed.

At Pau the aviator Vedrin monoplane 164 kilometres in an hour. This constitutes a record.

SCOTTISH IRON COMPANIES AMALGAMATED.

LONDON, March 3rd.
The Times states that thirteen Scottish iron companies have amalgamated under the title of the Scottish Iron and Steel Company. It has a capital of £1,000,000.

PROPOSED FREE ENTRY OF SUGAR IN AMERICA.

LONDON, March 3rd.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Democratic caucus has ratified the Bill presented by the Ways and Means Committee of the House for providing for the free entry of sugar.

NEUTRALITY IN MEXICO.

LONDON, March 2nd.
A Washington wire reports that President Taft, in a proclamation, urges Americans to observe neutrality in Mexico, and instructs officers to use their utmost diligence to prevent violations and to bring offenders to justice.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

LONDON, March 3rd.
Scotland beat Wales by one goal to nil in the international football match at Edinburgh.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AFFAIRS IN MACAO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS,"]

MARCH 1ST.
DEAR SIR.—In your yesterday's issue a very sensational article was published under the heading of "Affairs in Portugal," but it corroborates what the *Liberator* some time ago published under the heading of "Chronica sanguinolenta"—a series of horrors that seem incredible in the present century in a civilized country.

Macao also has its quota of prisoners awaiting trial, amongst them being two officials, who have been in custody for about a year without trial.

Luckily, they are not ill-treated or insulted, as in the *Lipocero*. What the fate of these two unfortunate officials will be nobody can tell, until the "immaculate justice," so solemnly proclaimed by the new régime, ceases to boast of its title.—Yours, etc.,

A READER.

THE C.P.R. AND FAR EASTERN TRADE.

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Yesterday, says the *Victoria Colonist* of January 28th, was the twentieth anniversary of the awakening of the Canadian Pacific Railway in regard to the commercial value of the trade with China, if such an event could be said to have a specific date. On January 27th, 1892, Sir T. G. Shaughnessy, then Vice-President of the Corporation of which he is now the head, returned from a trip of inspection through the Orient. On his return he announced that he would at once begin to develop the Chinese trade. He promoted Capt. Stillet, at that time master of the *Empress of China*, to the position of marine superintendent in the Orient, and Mr. J. R. Halloway, general commercial agent there. Heretofore the business in the East had been done through commercial agencies. Sir Thos. Shaughnessy decided that trade could be worked up in the Orient which would make the putting on of the three new *Empress* liners justifiable. He stated that his visit had impressed him more than ever with the future of the trade between Canada and the Orient, and that some of the produce which went to feed the 400,000,000 mouths of China should come from the Dominion.

The result of this policy has been that his corporation has for the past ten years been able to take their pick of the exports of China for transport across the Pacific, and yet load to overflowing their vessels returning to the Orient. Under the agency of Mr. W. T. Payne, now General Manager in the Orient, who has scores of sub-agencies under him, silk and tea, picked from commercial centres throughout China, reach British Columbia per the *Empress* liners. It has been estimated that the traffic of the *Empress* steamers and the *Monteagle* between the Orient and Victoria and Vancouver means \$40,000,000 a year. The passenger traffic has become too large for these vessels, with the result that two bigger *Empresses* have been ordered, and it is possible that the old three may still remain on the run.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

No wonder we envy those who are going home at present. The weather we have had for the past week or so is not calculated to produce an exuberance of spirits, and it takes an effort to withstand the depressing effect of the gloomy skies and the misty atmosphere. Still, as the old song has it, "The sun may be shining to-morrow, although it is raining to-day."

I believe that Leap Year was celebrated in a few places in the Colony during the last week, but I am not in a position to announce any new engagements.

The Welsh community of Hongkong foregathered on Friday to celebrate St. David's Day. Though their number be small, they have no lack of patriotism, and I have no doubt that the toast of "Dewi Sant" was proposed with that eloquence which is the natural gift of the sons of the Principality.

It's a mad world, my masters. Here is Great Britain, which has hardly recovered from the shipping and railway strike which paralysed the trade of the country last year, in the throes of another strike which threatens to have almost as disastrous effects. Any shortage in the coal supply not only exposes the vulnerability of the Kingdom, but it inflicts hardship and suffering upon the innocent and the undeserving. As if that were not trouble enough, the Suffragettes have to take the opportunity to make another of their stupid ebullitions which by some process of reasoning known only to themselves are considered to be in the nature of protests against the franchise being withheld from women. When we read the news which has been sent across the wires from all parts of the world during the last two days we may well ask, what is the world coming to?

That the Horticultural Society of Hongkong has justified its existence by fostering a love of gardening and developing a healthy competition among those engaged in that occupation is admitted by all who are in a position to compare the flowers and vegetables of to-day with those of ten or twenty years ago. During the last year or two quite a number of floral novelties have made their appearance at the annual exhibition, and the vegetables shown on Friday and Saturday represent a big advance on those grown in the Colony years ago. It is a pity that the Exhibition on Friday and Saturday was not favoured with better weather, as it was certainly worth a visit of inspection by those who have given the subject any thought.

The Legislative Council commenced business for the session on Tuesday with some ten new bills, all of them important no doubt but none of them involving any new principle likely to prove controversial. The meeting was interesting by reason of His Excellency's announcement of his transfer to Nigeria and the appointment of Sir Henry May as his successor. Of the bills the one likely to command most popular interest is the Holidays Ordinance, which proposes a very sensible re-arrangement of the holidays during the year and the establishment of two new holidays in October and November, thus affording a welcome break in the long interval from the August Bank Holiday to Christmas.

The display of official thoughtlessness arising out of the *Heungshan* incident last week is one that we should not have expected from the public servants of the Colony. To have shown such a disregard for the convenience of some 700 Chinese passengers, not to speak of the needless interference with the riverine shipping, is a most deplorable incident and we may well anticipate that we have not heard the last of the affair. Medical men as a rule are very unselfish and give themselves readily to the noble work to which they have devoted themselves, and that makes the incident all the more remarkable. A greater elasticity in health regulations is necessary, otherwise their object will be defeated.

I have heard a good deal of comment on the appointment of Sir Henry May to the Governorship of Hongkong. It is urged that we should have a man who has an open mind on all local questions, and that it is inadvisable to have one who may or may not have formed, unconsciously it may be, certain prejudices or decided opinions. That is without doubt an objection, but the special circumstances prevailing at present which call for someone at the head of the Colony's affairs with an intimate knowledge of these outweigh that objection, so that those who consider the appointment entirely on its merits will freely admit that the Imperial Government has acted in the best interests of the Colony by recalling Sir Henry from Fiji to preside over the destinies of a Colony which he knows so well.

Contrary to the general opinion, the mosquito, it seems, is more numerous in the Arctic zone than in the tropics. The American Consul at Dawson City, Yukon, says there is no country where the insects are so large and so numerous as they are in the Klondyke. They must be a special hardy variety. The insects we know are not so troublesome in the cold weather.

ROBERT RANNO.

CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

OPENED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

The newly instituted Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay was opened by H.E. the Governor on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering, including many residents. His Excellency was welcomed by the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

DR. HO KAI, addressing His Excellency, said:—Before asking you, Sir, to perform the ceremony of opening the pavilion may I be permitted to express to you the cordial and grateful thanks of the General Committee and members of the Chinese Recreation Club for your great kindness in coming here to-day. We fully appreciate the high honour you have conferred upon us and we feel your kindness all the more when we know that your valuable time is of late so fully occupied. Nothing but your Excellency's well-known interest in the education of the rising generation of Chinese in this Colony and the sympathy and support you have always accorded to all efforts tending to promote the physical as well as moral and intellectual development of Chinese youths can justify our presumption in trespassing upon your already too scanty leisure hours. This Club, Sir, is a distinctively Chinese Club. It is a first attempt on the part of the leading Chinese to organise a permanent institution for the recreation of their young men in manly sports and athletic exercises; and it is a direct answer, though a tardy one, to the invitation of an old and much esteemed official colleague in the Legislative Council, the Honourable Mr. Whitehead, issued to us when he moved the third reading of a Bill reserving this newly reclaimed site as a recreation ground. In reply to my remarks that the ground should be reserved for all nationalities irrespective of race, creed or religion, he said as follows:—"I can assure the honourable member that the men who take part in recreation down there will welcome with free arms not only the senior member who represents the Chinese but the junior member if they would come and take part in our recreation and health-giving exercise. Their example might have a wonderful effect on the Viceeroys in various provinces and on the Ministers of the Tsung Li Yamen. I venture to hope that at no distant date the representatives of the Chinese and their friends will come down to take part in the manly recreation which goes on at Causeway Bay. The 'no distant date' turns out to be just little over ten years—which is, as things go, not quite such a bad time for this Colony. The reason was, neither my colleague, Mr. Wei Yuk, nor myself could take any personal advantage of the invitation, as we were then not quite so young as we looked and had become a little too round for active exercises of that nature. Besides, Sir, there were numerous difficulties, chiefly financial, to be met, and the result was an unavoidable delay. I am happy to say, however, that in this case, no blame is attachable to any person, either official or unofficial, architect or contractor, agent or department, and no commission of enquiry is required. The Club, Sir, made a start in the Autumn of 1910 with 44 life members, 69 full members, 41 student members and a certain number of honorary members. Games of cricket, tennis and very occasionally football were freely indulged in by the members, and in the Summer of last year, swimming and aquatic sports; and it was while engaged in one of the latter sports that the members of the Club had to mourn for the loss of their most energetic and brilliant Secretary, the late Mr. Wong Po Shan, who met with a fatal accident while taking part in the diving competition. The sorrow caused by the untimely death of this most promising young member is still being felt by many of us up to the present day. Since the commencement of the Club no great progress has been made in any one direction, and this is due largely to the want of a club-house or pavilion for the accommodation and convenience of the members and their friends and visitors. A determined effort was made last year in supplying this deficiency, and thanks to the large heartedness of Mr. Lam Woo, our contractor, and the skill and energy of our architect, Mr. Raven, this commodious club-house which I am about to ask your Excellency to open has been completed. The costs of the erection of the pavilion are defrayed by voluntary gifts by certain members and supporters of the Club. There is as usual a big deficit, but supported as we are by the leading Chinese of this Colony and having as life-members such public spirited and generous persons as those gentlemen whose names appear in the list which I hold in my hands and to which I beg to refer your Excellency, I have no doubt whatever in my mind that the deficit, large though it be, will be wiped out in a few months. It depends now entirely on the active members of the Club, the playing members, and it is now as they are that the Club a great success and a credit to the nation to which by race they belong. I am assured that in all their efforts and endeavours to place their Club in a satisfactory and flourishing condition they will have the experienced advice and kindly assistance of the European honorary members. As a great English General has said that the battle of Waterloo was won at the playing fields of Eton, so may many a young member of this Club be enabled in the future to ascribe the achievement of many great successes to the physical training they have received at the recreation ground at Causeway Bay. I cannot conclude, Sir, without expressing our great regret at the unavoidable absence of Lady Lugard, whose presence would have been heartily welcomed by us all and would have added much grace and enjoyment to this function. We all unite in the hope that she will soon be restored to perfect health and will be enabled to come among us for

a short season before she leaves for England with your Excellency. Our grateful thanks are due to your Excellency for having granted the ground for the use of the Club and to the Honourable the Director of Public Works and the Queen's Recreation Ground Committee for the kind allotment of this site and for many acts of courtesy and consideration. Most respectfully I ask your Excellency to open the pavilion with this silver key, which I hope you will deign to keep as a memento of the auspicious occasion.

HIS EXCELLENCY, in reply, said:—I cannot refrain on this occasion from alluding to what is uppermost in my mind. When I recall how often, since I have been in the Colony, it has been my privilege on similar occasions to this to preside at the laying of a foundation stone or the opening of a building which has been subscribed by the generosity of the Chinese of this Colony, it is with very deep regret that I feel that this is one of the last, perhaps the last, occasion on which it will be my privilege to congratulate you on the completion of an enterprise, and I wish you success in it. I am glad that my name will in some way be associated with this Recreation Club, and that among other institutions in this Colony I hope it will be held in kindly remembrance, and for my own part I can say that although His Majesty has called upon me to do different work in a different Colony, in a very different country, I shall always look back in the years to come upon the time I have spent in Hongkong as one of the most pleasant and interesting in my life. I shall endeavour always to keep in touch with you by getting the Hongkong papers sent to me, and I hope from time to time by having letters from my old friends here, both European and Chinese. But sir, I am digressing from the task which I have been called upon to do to-day, which is to open this pavilion and to wish you hearty success in it. The last time that I was able to snatch an hour for a little recreation a Chinese handsome beating every time I thought that my A.D.C. and myself would take on two of you at tennis, but as the weather is so very bad I am afraid we must give it up. I wish you most hearty success in this Club. I am sure that it will be a thoroughly successful institution, and that before long the members of this Club will be able to challenge at any game any other Club in the Colony. (Applause.) I shall be glad to declare the building open. I thank you most heartily for the memento you have given me. It is very handsome, and it shall always remain as one of the mementoes which I have of Hongkong. (Applause.) His Excellency then formally declared the pavilion open.

PROPERTY VALUATIONS.

FOR PROBATE AND FOR COMPENSATION.

Much was made in the recent arbitration of the fact that a distinction had been drawn by the appraisers between a valuation for payment and a valuation for compensation. His Lordship the Chief Justice in the course of the very lengthy judgment he rendered in the arbitration (a summary of which appeared in our Saturday's issue) referred to this subject, and it will doubtless prove of interest to many readers if we quote the reference. His Lordship said:

"It will be convenient at this point to deal with the question so much insisted on by the Counsel for the Government, that it was wrong (I think they wished to use a more emphatic word) for experts to give one estimate of value for probate purposes, and another for compensation purposes. It sounds, of course, when it is put crudely, quite iniquitous; but if the principles on which compensation may legally be assessed are as I have here just stated them, the two questions stand on quite different planes. Potential value may be taken into account in the assessment of compensation; but I doubt very much whether anyone would suggest even that this is necessary for probate purposes. The point was not argued at great length, and I am not trying any of the claimant's experts for a criminal offence, but as the matter stands I see no objection whatever, probate duty as I conceive leviable on present actual value, in the estimate being in normal circumstances based on the Government assessment of the property. It is hardly necessary to have recourse to the well-known legal principle that an admission may be made use of against the party making it; because the assessment is made by the Government with the best materials at its command; it has a very competent assessor; it accepts, after due, and, I fancy, fairly effective, checking by his staff, the statement made, and therefore I see no reason why, as I say, in normal circumstances, an estimate of value accepted by the Government for one tax should not be the proper basis for another tax. But it follows, from what I have said, that the criticism is ineffective, for the increased values which were given to the properties by the experts formed only one part of the calculation; the real criticism should have been to the method on which the estimate of values for compensation was arrived at; but the flaw in the experts' reasoning does not seem to have been detected by either side. The probate valuations made by different firms which were put in evidence were of course available for purposes of general criticism of the amount of the claim, but they were also used for the specific purpose of criticising the original values given to the properties by the experts. The first step on which the claim was arrived being as I think wrong, I need not refer to these valuations again. With regard to the valuation given by Messrs. Leigh & Orange in 1909, I am bound to say, as so much stress was laid on it in cross-examination, that it was based on a sound and intelligible principle, having in view the prospect of reclamation, and that the criticism of it was ineffective."

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COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

The ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held on Saturday at the Hotel. Hon. Mr. E. Osborne presided, and there were also present—Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. W. H. Potts, (directors), Messrs. E. Kadoorie, F. B. L. Bowley, E. D. Haskell, J. McCubbin, Lo Cheung Shiu, Ivor Gorgey, She Po Sham, Lai Chan, Fung Tat Hang, J. P. Taggart (manager), C. Mooney (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—The Report and Accounts for the latter half of 1911 I propose with your permission to take as read. The profit was not so large as during the same period of 1910 but I think we could hardly expect it to be otherwise considering the unsettled state of affairs in China, which to our certain knowledge has had the effects of diverting tourists to other routes of travel. Most of the finishing touches to the rebuilding and furnishing of the South block have been made, and your directors look forward with confidence to a large access of revenue from this portion of the Hotel. The additions and alterations that have been effected during the past few years have involved a considerable outlay of capital, but I think, gentlemen, you will agree with me that the money has been wisely spent and that the expenditure has given the Colony, for the first time in its history, a Hotel upon which, in every respect, it may justly pride itself. Mr. Taggart, our newly-appointed Manager, will, I feel sure, do everything in his power to maintain its reputation at a high standard.

There being no questions, The CHAIRMAN proposed that the report and accounts be adopted.

Mr. McCubbin seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Lo Cheng Shui, seconded by Mr. Taggart, Mr. V. H. Potts was re-elected to the directorate.

Mr. Kadoorie moved that Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe be re-appointed directors.

Mr. Gorgey seconded and it was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN—Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.



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COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

The report for the past year is as follows:—The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1911.

The profit on working was \$338,802.23 as compared with \$357,837.51 in 1910.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account, including \$178.82 brought forward from last year, and after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, and paying for all interest and repairs, amounts to \$279,228.77, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 6%	\$180,000.00
To write off Launches	4,878.28
" " Lighters	31,458.18
" " Machinery	10,455.84
" " Kowloon Wharves	21,374.02
" " West Point Wharf	454.61
" " Railway and Rolling Stock	5,220.73
" " Sheers	3,000.00
To carry forward to new account	19,392.83
	\$279,228.77

BUSINESS.
Landing and storage earnings showed a decrease. Lighterage and other sources of revenue were practically the same as the previous year.

DIRECTORS.
Messrs. C. R. Lenzmann, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. Logan, S. A. Levy, D. K. Moss retired during the year and their places were taken by Messrs. R. Laurens, C. Gordon Mackie, E. J. Shilling, C. S. Gabbay and A. S. D. Cowland. Messrs. A. S. D. Cowland and C. Gordon Mackie retired and their places were taken by Messrs. D. K. Moss and J. W. C. Bonnar. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G., and Mr. G. H. Medhurst retired according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

C. H. Ross, Chairman.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1912.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1911.

Liabilities.	
To Capital, 60,000 fully paid up shares at \$50	\$3,000,000.00
To Reserve fund	600,000.00
To Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	603,149.76
To Sundry creditors	192,784.21
To Unclaimed dividends	1,860.00
To Balance of Profit and Loss account	279,228.77
	\$4,583,092.84

Assets.
By Value of Land and Buildings at Kowloon as per last account \$3,221,257.77 |

By Value of Wharves at Kowloon as per last account	\$455,900.99
Less written off last year	120,900.89
	335,000.00
Since expended	18,181.87
	348,181.87

By Value of Railways and Rolling stock at Kowloon as per last account 119,026.61 |

Less written off last year	20,028.61
	99,000.00
Since expended	6,327.96
	105,327.96

By Value of Launches as per last account 60,452.50 |

Less written off last year	5,248.73
	55,203.77

By Value of Lighters as per last account 358,035.61 |

Less written off last year	27,378.46
	331,557.15

Less sale of No. 1 lighter 325.00 |

	331,232.15
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By Value of Machinery and Plant as per last account 153,934.73 |

Less written off last year	10,934.73
	143,000.00

By Value of Sheer Legs as per last account 3,000.00 |

By Value of Land and Buildings at West Point	263,142.88
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By Value of Wharf as per last account 9,092.24 |

Less written off last year	2,092.24
	7,000.00

By Sundry debtors 100,811.26 |

By Value of coal on hand	2,388.53
By Value of stores on hand	2,285.59
By 1 Share Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.	480.00
	\$4,583,092.84

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Interest	\$ 47,757.31
To Repairs	12,000.00
By Directors' and Auditors' fees	10,500.00
By Balance	279,228.77
	\$349,575.98

By Balance from last account 176.82 |

By Net earnings for 1911	338,802.23
By Sale of old material	5,578.37
By Sale of launch "Kowloon"	4,000.00
By Unclaimed dividends for 1911	1,620.50
	\$349,575.98

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

C. P. CHATER, C. H. ROSS, Directors.

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We certify that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and, in our opinion, the balance sheet referred to in the report is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, Auditors.
W. HUTTON POTTS, Auditors.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1912.

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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINCESS ALICE," Capt. P. Grosch.	20,300	About 7th March.
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MANILA, ANGAUL, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"COBLEN," Capt. L. Klugehner.	6,750	9 a.m. 6th March.
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KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ SIGISMUND," Capt. D. Lenz.	6,000	About 5th March.
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KUDAT and SANDAKA	"BORNEO," Capt. F. Sembill.	5,000	Middle of March.
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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Eitel Friedrich* left Shanghai on the 1st inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 6 a.m. The H.A. Line str. *Eyota* left Shanghai on the 1st inst. a.m., and may be expected here to-day p.m. The British India S.N. Co.'s str. *Fulda* left Japan for Hongkong on the 1st inst., at day-light, and is due here on the 6th inst. The H.A. Line str. *Belgravia* left Singapore on the 1st inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst. a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* with U.S. mails is due to arrive at Hongkong to-day between 6 and 8 a.m. The P.M. S.S. Co. str. *Persia* sailed from San Francisco on the 15th ult. for Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on the 12th inst. The T.K.K. str. *Shinyo Maru* will be despatched from San Francisco on the 28th ult. for Hongkong, and is due at this port on or about the 30th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Sigismund* left Manila on the 1st inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 6 a.m. The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Sydney on the 22nd ult. for this port (via Queensland Ports, Timor and Manila).

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 7th ult., left Colombo on the 25th ult. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. *Kumang* left Calcutta for Hongkong on the 23rd ult., and is due here about the 10th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Austrian Lloyd's str. *Africa* left Singapore for this port on the 1st inst., and will arrive here to-morrow at 9 a.m. The steamer *Glenhurst* left Singapore on Friday, the 1st inst., and is due here on or about Thursday, 7th inst., at a.m. The str. *Glenferry* passed the Suez Canal on the 25th ultimo, and is due here on or about the 25th inst. The T.K.K. str. *Buyo Maru* sailed from Honolulu on the 21st ultimo for Hongkong, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 26th inst. The American & Manchurian Line str. *Matyopa* passed the Suez Canal on the 27th ult., and is due here on or about the 29th inst. The "Mogul" Line str. *Montrose* left United Kingdom on the 28th Jan. for Hongkong and Far East via the Suez.

For Particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, 10th August, 1911. [663]

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SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 7th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 9th Mar., 4 P.M.
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